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## 1. Arigatou International

**Special, 2004**

**Introduction**

Arigatou International is dedicated to securing the rights and well-being of children and advancing the culture of peace through interreligious dialogue and cooperative action.

**Aims and purposes of the organization**

Arigatou provides a values-based platform for implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) by mobilizing faith-based initiatives for children.

**Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

**Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

During this reporting period, the organization contributed in the following ways:

- US$ 456,344 contribution in support of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) programmes for birth registration in Yemen;
- Typhoon aid in the Philippines and refugee education worldwide;
- Co-convener of Child Rights Connect' Working Group on Children and Violence;
- Co-organized meetings with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children (SRSG-VAC);
- Developed programmes under a tripartite letter of agreement with UNICEF and the SRSG-VAC;
- Provided recommendations for a paper on child rights at the Experts Meeting with the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion and Belief;
- Co-organized and spoke at side event, "African Faith Leaders' Position and Statement on the Post 2015 Development Agenda", at the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit, New York, 26 September 2015;
- Provided input to the Civil Society section of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for its "Guidelines on Engaging with Faith-Based Organizations and Religious Leaders".

**Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

Typical examples of the organization's participation include:

- Chaired and/or co-organized side events, 27th-30th sessions of the Human Rights Council (HRC);
- Delivered oral statement, "Towards Better Investment in the Rights of the Child" at 28th session of the Human Rights Council and co-signed oral statements at 27th and 29th sessions;
- Co-organized a panel discussion, "Stop Violence against Children in the Post 2015 Environment", 65th annual conference of United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI);
- "Interactive Dialogue with Major Groups and Other Stakeholders" during the Post-2015 Development Agenda negotiations;
- Opening session of 2015 UNICEF Executive Board;
- Serving on a UNDP panel: "Religion and Violent Extremism: Reaching out to Children and Young Persons for an Effective Community-based Approach to Extremism".

**Cooperation with United Nations entities**

Arigatou cooperates closely with UNICEF, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), UNDP and the Office of the SRSG-VAC on child rights, intercultural ethics education, countering violence against children and ending child poverty.

**Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals**

Arigatou implemented the following initiatives in support of the MDGs:

- Organized 342 Global Network of Religions for Children (GNRC) events in 41 countries on children's rights which reached more than 6.5 million people, about half of whom were children;
- Developed an intercultural ethics education programme with UNESCO and UNICEF called Learning to Live Together (LTLT), which is now available in 10 languages with 33 educational workshops and events in 24 countries, training 696 ethics education facilitators in 30 countries and reaching more than 5,000 new child participants;
- Since 2013, Prayer and Action for Children organized 362 activities in 76 countries on themes including positive parenting, stopping child marriage and encouraging birth registration;
- End Child Poverty, which mobilizes global and grassroots faith-based resources to eliminate child poverty, focused on organizing 85 events in 37 countries.

## 2. Centa for Organisational Development

**Special, 2012**

**Introduction**

Centa for Organisational Development Ltd/Gte is a gender-focused organization operating at the national level in Nigeria.

**Aims and purposes of the organization**

Centa seeks to redress imbalances in women's access to socioeconomic, political and cultural rights through research, advocacy, micro-credit and training in education, health, organizational development, and entrepreneurship.

**Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

**Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

Centa contributed in the following ways to the work of the United Nations:

- Centa coordinated the NGO response to Nigeria's 8th report to the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW);
- Hosted and co-ordinated the programmes and activities of the Civil Society Coalition on Sustainable Development Goals affiliated to Campaign Post 2015; and
- Supports programmes on adolescent reproductive health.

**Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

Among others, Centa participated in the following meetings:

- 58th-60th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) where it launched publications on "Twenty Years of Implementing Beijing Platform For Action in Nigeria" (CSW59) and "Blueprint for Sustainable Empowerment of Women, Youths and Persons with Disabilities, Lessons & Best practices for Nigeria 1999 to 2015" (CSW60);
- CSW60 where it submitted a joint statement with YWCA Nigeria;
- Beijing+20, where it submitted a written statement on "A Review of Nigeria's Recognizable Steps Towards Empowering Women and Girls Twenty Years after the Beijing Platform For Action";
- 52nd Session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD), where it submitted a written statement on "Impacting Lives, Changing Our World — A Synopsis of Programs and Challenges of Arm of Hope Foundation in Nigeria"; and
- the High-level event on the Millennium Development Goals and Post-2015 Development Agenda in New York, September 2015, among others.

**Cooperation with United Nations entities**

No cooperation was specified.

**Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals**

No initiatives were specified.

## 3. Central British Fund for World Jewish Relief

**Special, 2012**

**Introduction**

World Jewish Relief is the British Jewish community's leading international humanitarian and development charity.

**Aims and purposes of the organization**

World Jewish Relief aims to empower those out of work or living with disability to become self-reliant; meet the physical and emotional needs of older people; and respond to the immediate and longer term recovery needs of those affected by catastrophic disasters worldwide.

**Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

**Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

The organization focused its contribution on targeting the vulnerability and poverty needs of older people and single mothers out of work specifically in Ukraine, Republic of Moldova, Republic of Belarus, Georgia, India and Republic of Rwanda; responding to major humanitarian disasters focusing on food, shelter and livelihoods requirements; and supporting over 7,573 people with disabilities to lead lives of self-reliance and dignity.

**Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

The organization made a written submission to the 59th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW59).

**Cooperation with United Nations entities**

The organization collaborated with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in response to the 2015 earthquake in Nepal and submitted updates on field activities, and in response to mass displacement as a result of conflict in Ukraine in 2015 and submitted field reports and updates to the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) on ongoing gaps in humanitarian needs.

**Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals**

World Jewish Relief provided assistance to 68,890 individuals in 20 countries working in partnership with 61 partners to deliver 93 programmes. Its flagship initiative was to design and implement a programme enabling primarily women to break out of the cycle of poverty through personal skill and confidence development, retraining and job placements. Almost 3,000 programme participants in Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova have now progressed through this initiative with 78 per cent of them finding full time employment. The organization continued its innovative work in the Republic of Rwanda, empowering 903 vulnerable young people to substantially increase their income through the investment in their agricultural economic capabilities.

## 4. Federation of European Motorcyclists Associations

**Special, 1996**

**Introduction**

The Federation of European Motorcyclists' Associations (FEMA) is the representative federation of road riding motorcyclists.

**Aims and purposes of the organization**

FEMA's primary objective is to pursue, promote and protect the interests of motorcyclists and adequate safety measures.

**Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant chances.

**Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

FEMA continued the development of the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration policies and contributed, directly and through its member associations, to several prevention and safety manuals. FEMA follows the work of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle regulations (WP.29) of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and publishes motorcycle manufacturer's recall reports in line with the European Commission's Rapid alert system for dangerous non-food products (RAPEX reports).

**Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

FEMA was invited to speak at the 4th European Road Safety Day in Nicosia, Cyprus, on July 25th 2012. The event, organised by the European Commission, is part of the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration.

**Cooperation with United Nations entities**

No cooperation was specified.

**Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals**

FEMA supported Sintered Metal Corporation (SMC) in drafting a report about gender issues in the training and testing for the A driving license. The Riderscan project was started as a knowledge database on motorcycle and road safety. It included several surveys and three European Motorcyclists' Forums.

## 5. Institute for Conscious Global Change

**Special, 2012**

**Introduction**

The Institute for Conscious Global Change (ICGC) was founded to provide a comprehensive response to end poverty with special focus on the world's Least Developed Countries (LDCs).

**Aims and purposes of the organization**

ICGC aims to visualize, analyse, explain, and disseminate data to make sustainable development plans universally accessible. The focus is to provide virtual but tangible visual development solutions to support the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

**Significant changes in the organization**

The organization amended its Articles of Incorporation to include the 193 countries of the United Nations and minimally changed the By-laws to include four executive committees.

**Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

ICGC's contribution included a presentation to the multi-stakeholder dialogue on "Integrating Social-Ecological Resilience into the New Development Agenda", Medellin, Colombia, December 2013.

**Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

ICGC has participated in numerous meetings of the United Nations including:

- official meetings, hearings with NGOs and informal meetings of the Open Working Group and the Post-2015 Inter-Governmental Negotiations in preparation for the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit;
- submitting written statements to the 2013 Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) High Level Segment, and on ECOSOC's "Dialogue on the longer-term positioning of the United Nations development system in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development";
- side events co-sponsored by Member States and United Nations entities;
- Thursday Briefings of the Department of Public Information;

- delivering a statement entitled, "Geographic Information Systems (GIS): An Essential Tool for SDG Implementation" at the High-level Stock-taking event on the Post-2015 Development Agenda;
- contributing to the Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development and to Transforming Our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted at the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit 2015.

**Cooperation with United Nations entities**

ICGC representatives participated in a small group meeting on "how to" implement the 2030 Agenda using GIS with several Member States and the United Nations Initiative on Global Geospatial Information Management; worked on Africa Data Consensus outcome document at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa High-Level Conference on Data Revolution for Africa; and the organization is in talks with United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to become an implementing partner for community development globally.

**Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals**

ICGC worked with the National Center for Geospatial Information in Ministry of Planning of Haiti since 2011 to develop a Proof of Concept. ICGC's primary activity is "The Millennium Earth Project (MEP)", an infrastructure-based mapping solution focused on capacity building; citizen engagement, community and government collaboration, and technology transfer in-country, using Geographic Information Systems (GIS), GeoDesign and related technologies to achieve comprehensive and holistic planning.

## 6. International Radio Emergency Support Coalition

**Special, 2012**

**Introduction**

The International Radio Emergency Support Coalition is an organization of radio amateurs who respond to any emergency or disaster around the world when a country's communication infrastructure is down or overloaded.

**Aims and purposes of the organization**

IRESC supports countries with communication and technical assistance for search, rescue, health and welfare during disaster or emergency.

**Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

**Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

IRESC advocates for the signature and ratification of the Tampere Convention.

**Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

No participation was specified.

**Cooperation with United Nations entities**

IRESC provided the United Nations operation in Nepal with communication, coordination, and search and rescue assistance during the 2015 earthquake.

**Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals**

No initiatives were specified.

## 7. Japan Council against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs (Gensuikyo)

**Special, 2012**

**Introduction**

The organization has been working for a total ban and the abolition of nuclear weapons in Japan and internationally.

**Aims and purposes of the organization**

The aims of the organization are: prevention of nuclear war, abolition of nuclear weapons and support for atomic-bomb survivors.

**Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

**Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

The organization's work contributes to maintaining international peace and security and to implementing and achieving General Assembly resolution 1(I), of 24 January 1946, on the "Establishment of a Commission to Deal with the Problems Raised by the Discovery of Atomic Energy". It strives for the elimination of weapons of mass destruction, particularly nuclear weapons; works for environmental sustainability; works against militarism and for peaceful settlement of disputes, and has called for the reallocation of resources used for arms and nuclear weapons to be redirected to meeting human needs so that poverty can be eradicated and human security can be improved.

Between 2012 and 2015, the organization focused on collecting petitions in support of the "Appeal for a Total Ban on Nuclear Weapons", and submitted them to the conferences of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and the United Nations General Assembly. It also worked to raise awareness about catastrophic humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapon use. The organization also participated at the World Conference against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs held annually in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan.

In 2014 and 2015, the organization conducted nationwide activities for International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons and for United Nations Disarmament Week in October 2012-2015.

**Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

Representatives of the organization observed the 2012-2014 sessions of the Preparatory Committee (PrepCom) for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) as well as the Review Conference in 2015, and submitted petitions and statements in support of the Appeal to United Nations High Representative for Disarmament Affairs and attended the 2012-2013 sessions of United Nations General Assembly First Committee.

**Cooperation with United Nations entities**

No cooperation was specified.

**Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals**

The organization has engaged in "disarmament for development" campaigns and given support to victims of nuclear weapons and nuclear energy such as those in Fukushima.

## 8. Japanese Workers Committee for Human Rights

**Special, 2004**

**Introduction**

The Japanese Workers' Committee for Human Rights was established to promote peace, democracy and fundamental human rights for all people in Japan.

**Aims and purposes of the organization**

To advance human rights, and to press the Japanese Government to ratify the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and other Optional Protocols.

**Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

**Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

Annually during Human Rights Week in Japan, Committee representatives make speeches and meet with officials from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and of Justice to find solutions to human rights violations. The Committee jointly established the Japan NGO Network for the ICCPR for the review of Japan's 6th report under the ICCPR and held an assembly asking for the realization of the recommendations by United Nations Human Rights Treaty Bodies, Tokyo,

14 December 2013. In 2014 and 2015 the Committee and the Japan NGO Network for the ICCPR held rallies, marched through the streets, and held assemblies and a press conference.

**Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

- Representatives attended the 50th Session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR) where the organization submitted a parallel report on the 3rd Periodic Report of Japan and on the replies of Japan to the list of issues emanating from the report;
- The organization submitted a parallel report to the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of Japan reviewed at the 14th session of the Working Group on the UPR;
- A representative presented oral statements on the Right to Peace at the 8th and 9th sessions of the Advisory Committee of the Human Rights Council (HRC);
- Representatives attended the 50th session of the Committee against Torture (CAT) where the organization submitted a parallel report on the Second Periodic Report of Japan to the CAT;
- A representative presented oral statements on Sexual Slavery and on Minority Issues at the 22nd session of the HRC;
- Representatives attended the Pre-session and the organization submitted a parallel report for the review of Japan's 6th Periodic Report on the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR);
- Representatives attended and the organization submitted the final NGO report for the review of Japan's 6th Periodic Report at the 111th Session of the ICCPR;
- A representative presented oral statements on Fukushima at the 12th session of the HRC Advisory Committee, and on Comfort Women and on Hate Speech at the 28th session of the HRC.

**Cooperation with United Nations entities**

No cooperation was specified.

**Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals**

No initiatives were specified.

## 9. Partnership for Global Justice

**Special, 2008**

**Introduction**

The Partnership for Global Justice (PGJ) is a network of religious congregations, other groups and individuals grounded in gospel values.

**Aims and purposes of the organization**

PGJ works at promoting earth literacy and ecological sustainability, educating for global citizenship, and fostering understanding and communion among cultures and faith traditions. The members of the Partnership also establish, administer, finance and staff institutions and centres which serve the poor.

**Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

**Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

PGJ contributed to the work of the United Nations in numerous ways, including:

- Prepared a statement on Integrity of the Earth to the Open Working Group on the Sustainable Development Goals;
- Conducted a panel on the United Nations at Stockton College;
- Joined NGO Committees on: Social Development, Sustainable Development, Disarmament, Peace and Security, Human Immunodeficiency Virus Infection and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS), and the Working Group for Girls and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women);
- PGJ sent monthly newsletters and United Nations Alerts;
- Annual Membership Meetings focused on various United Nations topics;
- Mentored and trained teachers to plan United Nations projects;
- Conducted information session for college students on migration and conflict resolution, 9 October 2015;
- Composed, published and distributed booklets: Nurturing the Global Citizen Within, What Price a Girl's Life, and Our Shared Destiny in a Post 2015 World.

**Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

PGJ representatives participated in the following meetings of the United Nations:

- 50th-53rd sessions of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD),
- 56th-58th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women,
- 11th and 12th sessions of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues,
- 3rd Intersessional Meeting of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development,
- 2015 Economic and Social Council High-level Segment and Ministerial Meeting of the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, and

– The meeting of the International Criminal Court on the "Right to Peace as a Human Right" via webcast in April, 2013.

**Cooperation with United Nations entities**

The PGJ Executive Director served on the panel: Engaging Religions in the Prevention of Atrocity Crimes with the Office of the Special Advisor on the Prevention of Genocide, the United Religions Initiative and the United Nations Department of Public Information. The Executive Director also served on the panel, "World Interfaith Harmony: Vital for Peace and Development".

**Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals**

Among other initiatives, PGJ members supported the education of 10 girls in Haiti from primary through secondary school; served 1,100 children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder in Tallinn, Republic of Estonia at Vanalinna Hariduskollegeeium; operated a school for the blind serving 1,200 students in the Plurinational State of Bolivia and provided education for the marginalized and vulnerable in numerous other schools in various countries; provided maternity and outpatient clinics in Chimbote, Republic of Peru and Sangre de Cristo Health Care Project, Republic of Guatemala serving more than 800 people each day; and organized the packaging of meals for children in the United Republic of Tanzania providing over 50,000 meals for children in Manyoni.

## 10. Planetary Association for Clean Energy

**Special, 2004**

**Introduction**

The Planetary Association for Clean Energy (PACE) is an advanced scientific think-tank that maintains an international, interdisciplinary and collaborative network by way of publishing, including via the internet, conferences, presentations and workshops; and by peer review, evaluation, and verification initiatives.

**Aims and purposes of the organization**

PACE aims to (i) facilitate the discovery, research, development and demonstration of clean energy systems; (ii) steward the planning, co-ordination and implementation of clean energy systems on planetary, continental, regional and local scales; and (iii) serve as monitor of "unclean" energy systems.

**Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

**Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

PACE observes Human Rights Day, Earth day and Environment Day, as well as the World Interfaith Harmony Week.

**Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

During the reporting period, representatives of PACE participated in numerous consultations and meetings related to social development, sustainable development, cultural rights, climate refugees, promotion and protection of civil society space, intellectual property, and various aspects of human rights including the rights of minorities and Indigenous peoples organised at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, including:

- the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on a draft United Nations Declaration on a Right to Peace;
- with the Special Rapporteur on the issue of human rights obligations relating to the enjoyment of a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment, the Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order, the Independent Expert on human rights and international solidarity and the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples;
- participation in 21st to 30th sessions of the Human Rights Council (HRC) and related briefings; and
- the 2013 High-level Segment of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

**Cooperation with United Nations entities**

PACE is part of the Geneva Climate Change Coalition (GeCCCo), accredited with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

**Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals**

No initiatives were specified.

## 11. Salamander Trust

**Special, 2012**

**Introduction**

Salamander Trust is an international charity based in the United Kingdom, working to promote sexual and reproductive health, HIV prevention, care and support.

**Aims and purposes of the organization**

The organization aims to protect, promote and enhance the health and rights of people particularly, but not exclusively, marginalised as a result of their gender, HIV status or sexual and reproductive health.

**Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

**Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

The organization developed several training programmes on children directly affected by HIV and their caregivers, gender-based violence, sexual and reproductive health and human rights and women living with HIV.

**Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

Representatives attended the global high-level meeting, 'Men, Adolescent Boys and AIDS', which was co-convened by the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS (UNAIDS), Sonke Gender Justice and the International Planned Parenthood Federation, and delivered a presentation about the Stepping Stones with Children training programme; a technical expert meeting with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) on sexual and reproductive health strategies to reach Vulnerable Urban Adolescents, and shared preliminary findings from Stepping Stones with Children pilot workshops in Dar es Salaam; spoke on two panels organised by UNAIDS at the Women Deliver Conference, and was a member of the UNAIDS Dialogue Platform.

**Cooperation with United Nations entities**

The organization cooperated with United Nations entities as follows:

- Conducted a survey commissioned by the World Health Organization (WHO) on Global Sexual Reproductive Health and human rights values and preferences survey of women living with HIV, 2014-2015;
- Undertook a global HIV treatment access review for women living with HIV, commissioned by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), March 2014;
- Received funding from UNAIDS to implement "Seeking Safety — Capacity building for leadership on Gender Based Violence": a film training and documentary programme to showcase grassroots leadership of women living with HIV in response to gender-based violence and HIV in Africa, 2014-2015, and to undertake applied research on the inter-linkages between gender-based violence and HIV;
- Co-partnered a workshop on HIV and gender-based violence and women living with HIV: "Integrating Strategies to Address Gender-Based Violence and Engage Men and Boys as Partners to Advance Gender Equality through National HIV Plans and Strategies", Dakar, Senegal, September 2013;
- Implemented the film "Positively UK: 'Rights, Camera, Action'" funded by UNAIDS, with women living with HIV in Namibia and Uganda.

**Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals**

Some of the initiatives taken by the organization include:

- Developed "Stepping Stones with Children", a psychosocial training programme/intervention designed to support children aged 5 to 14 years directly affected by HIV and their caregivers;

- Maintains The Stepping Stones Feedback project, which disseminates information, resources and research about HIV and gender;
- Conducted a global survey on the sexual and reproductive health and human rights of women living with HIV commissioned to inform an update of the WHO 2006 Guidelines;
- Continued to host the global "Stepping Stones Community of Practice";
- "Seeking Safety — Capacity building for leadership on Gender Based Violence": a film training and documentary programme;
- Developed "Stepping Stones for Peace and Prosperity", which reduced gender-based violence in Karamoja, Uganda;
- Conducted applied research on inter-linkages between gender based violence and HIV, funded by UNAIDS.

## 12. Society Studies Centre

**Special, 2008**

**Introduction**

The Society Studies Centre (MADA ssc) was established in 2003 and works on social development, social peace, and human rights. The Centre is registered in Sudan.

**Aims and purposes of the organization**

The NGO promotes social development, and fosters and builds peace and security with special focus on vulnerable groups such as women and children.

**Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

**Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

Among its contributions, the Centre:

- Published a roadmap for following up the implementation of Human Rights Council Resolution 27/L2 of 18 September 2014 on Human rights and unilateral coercive measures;
- Reported on the negative impacts of unilateral coercive measures on the situation of human rights in Sudan;
- Updated Sudan Human Rights information Gateway;
- Worked with stakeholders on Universal Periodic Reviews (UPR) and recommendations of the Human Rights Council (HRC) on Sudan; and
- Trained, raised awareness, advocated for and provided education on peace building and human rights issues and the preparation of periodic reports.

**Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

Representatives participated in the 20th-25th and 27th-30th regular sessions of the Human Rights Council and the 56th-58th sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.

**Cooperation with United Nations entities**

SSC's cooperation with the United Nations involved the following:

- Signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and participated in all activities organized by UNDP in the Sudan, including meetings of the independent experts and Special Rapporteurs;
- Conducting ongoing studies with UNDP and Situation Analysis on the strategic directions for Darfur peace building and sustainable development;
- Initiated the Sudan Strategic Foresight Project (2015-2040);
- Conducted a Society Status Report in 2015;
- Conducted a study to review and recommend enforcement of existing laws to ban female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C) in South Kordofan, South Darfur, Gadarif and Red Sea States in collaboration with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

**Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals**

SSC trained 3,150 observers to monitor the general elections in Sudan, 2015; led the peace-building project focusing on resolving tribal conflicts in Darfur in 2015 and conducted several training programmes to build the capacity of its key leaders; annually celebrated the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking and mobilizes civil society organizations to fight drugs through awareness campaigns, posters and paintings; coordinated the work of Sudanese organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC); and held a series of training courses on international human rights law, and preparation and writing human rights reports and complaints to the international human rights mechanisms.

## 13. Solidarité agissante pour le développement familial

**Special, 2012**

**Introduction**

Solidarité agissante pour le développement familial (SADF) works to reduce poverty and hunger. It pursues socioeconomic activities which help to alleviate conditions for the poor and for vulnerable groups in society.

**Aims and purposes of the organization**

SADF seeks to fulfil its aims in various ways, including through the creation of a health centre, a pharmaceutical distribution depot, and a centre for training in information technologies, being the first NGO in the country to do so.

**Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

**Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

SADF has contributed to meetings dealing with:

- Proliferation of small arms and light weapons, New York, July 2013;
- Non-communicable diseases, New York, September 2013;
- Consultations with the Non-Governmental Liaison Service on the Millennium Development Goals in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Cameroon.

**Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

SADF participated in the third International Conference on Financing for Development in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in July 2015.

**Cooperation with United Nations entities**

SADF works with the United Nations Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) to strengthen the capacity of local communities to combat violence against children and to protect their rights.

**Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals**

In support of the Millennium Development Goals, SADF worked in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Cameroon to do the following:

- Reduce exploitation of natural resources through management by the rural advisory council;
- Promote sustainable development and income generation by establishing moringa processing plants in both countries;
- Foster awareness among the Congolese and Cameroonian populations regarding weapons proliferation in 2014 and 2015;
- Establish two community health centres and a maternity centre in Tshikapa, Democratic Republic of the Congo, in 2014;
- Establish school catch-up centres in both countries for children abducted by Boko Haram in 2015;
- Provide anti-drug training and awareness-raising in schools in Lima, Peru, in 2015.

## 14. Stichting Global Reporting Initiative

**Special, 2012**

**Introduction**

The Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) is the world's leading sustainability reporting framework.

**Aims and purposes of the organization**

GRI aims to advance the agenda on corporate responsibility and empower citizens to challenge the private sector to act in a more responsible way.

**Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

**Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

The organization has contributed by encouraging the private sector to be an active contributor to the sustainable development agenda.

**Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

GRI has participated in Post-2015 negotiation meetings; Addis Ababa Action Agenda/Financing for Development (FfD) process; United Nations Private Sector Forum 2015; and Economic and Social Council High-level Political Forum and Partnership Forum.

**Cooperation with United Nations entities**

No cooperation was specified.

**Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals**

GRI worked to address ways to make corporate responsibility more effective in order to directly contribute to reducing poverty. This enabled companies to disclose information on labour practices, job creation, the gender employment gap, and their philanthropic programmes.

## 15. World Habitat Foundation

**Special, 2012**

**Introduction**

The World Habitat Foundation (WHF) is dedicated to improving the lives of individuals in need through the use of new technology.

**Aims and purposes of the organization**

WHF aims to provide: clean affordable drinking water; housing for the very poor; educational opportunities for those that do not have access to primary education; and technology and resources to improve food production to areas in need.

**Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

**Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

No contribution was specified.

**Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

No participation was specified.

**Cooperation with United Nations entities**

The organization has held preliminary meetings with officials at the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to discuss the most efficient means of distributing the water systems.

**Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals**

The Water for Life treatment system is being field tested in several countries where it can supply clean safe drinking water to those who did not previously have access.